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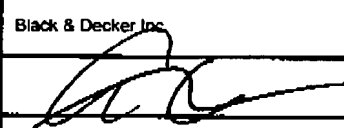
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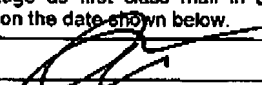
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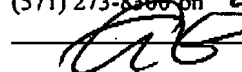
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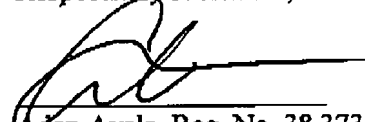
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Moreover, to the extent the Reasons For Allowance do not separately address the subject matter of all of the claims, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that these claims do not present patentable subject independent of the combination recited by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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